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FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR :

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1, 2, and 4 as follows: